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At a meeting of the General assembly for the Territory of Arkansas on Monday the 6th day of October 1823 (the Members of the House of Representatives) appeared were qualified and took their seats (towit) Terrence Farrelly from the County, Wm B R Horner from the County of Phillips John Nicks from Crawford Joshua Ervin from Miller John Wilson from Hempstead Henry L Biscoe from Clark Ambrose H Sevier from Pulaski, Robt. Beane from Independence & Thomas Culp from Lawrence=

They then proceeded to the elections of Clerk Speaker & Door Keeper, and after balloting David E. McKinney was declared duly elected Clerk, Terrence Farrelly Speaker & Hiram Hudson door keeper=

On Motion of Mr. Horner a Message was sent to the Legislative Council informing them that Terrence Farrelly was elected Speaker, David E McKinney Clerk and Hiram Hudson door keeper and were ready to proceed to business=

A Message from the Council was recd. informing this house that Saml. C Roane was elected President, Thomas W. Newton Secretary and Saml. McHenry door keeper and that the Council was then ready to do business—

On motion of Mr. Horner, Messrs Horner & Wilson were appointed a Committee to act in Conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council to wait upon his excellency the acting Governor and inform him that the general assembly was now organized and are ready to receive any Communication which he may have to make

On Motion of Mr Horner, a Message was sent informing the Legislative Council that this house was now ready to go into an election of an engrossing Clerk and Public printer, and upon a joint ballot. Henry Armstrong was elected Clerk and Wm E Woodruff public printer

On Motion of Mr Horner. Messrs Horner. Hicks. Sevier & Beane were appointed a Committee on the part of this House to act in Conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council to draft Memorials to the Genl. Government

On Motion of Mr Wilson, Messrs Wilson, Horner, Hervin were appointed a Committee of elections=

The petition of Thomas Poke contesting the election of Joshua Ewin the returned Member from the County of Miller was presented to the house= & on Motion of Mr Culp it was referred to the Committee on elections

On Motion of Mr Horner, It is agreed that the regular hour of Meeting for this house shall be Nine Oclock in the forenoon=

On Motion of Mr Horner the house adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 Oclock

Tuesday Oct. 7th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The Committee appointed to wait on his excellency. made report that, that he would meet the house at eleven Oclock and make Communication in person=

The Committee on Elections made report that this house enquire into the Contest between Messrs Poke & Ewing:
On Motion of Mr Horner the report was laid on the table

Messrs Briscoe and Horner were appointed a Committee of enrolments on the part of this house

Messrs Sevier Hicks & Pearin were appointed a Committee on the Judiciary

Messrs Wilson Culp & Biscoe were appointed a Committee of Ways & Means

Messrs Biscoe & Sevier were appointed a Committee ~~for~~ to act in Conjunction with a Committee to be appointed by the Legislative Council to examine the Auditors & Treasurers Books

On Mo of Mr Sevier it is Ordered that thirty copies of the Governors Speech be printed for the use of this house

On Motion of Mr Horner that part of the Governors Message relating to the Judiciary was refered to the Committee on the Judiciary

On motion of Mr Horner It is resolved that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to examine the forty second Section of the law in Geyers Digest under the head of Crimes & Misdemeanors & see if any amendments be necessary and report by bill accordingly

On Motion of Mr Wilson the Petition of Thomas Pike was taken up and leave granted the Petitioner to shew cause why the notice given in this Case was not filed with the other papers and after having the same under Consideration for some time it was recommitted to the Committee on elections with instructions to report without regard to the notice

On Motion of Mr Horner the hour of meeting for this house was changed from Nine to Ten Oclock in the forenoon

On Motion the house adjourned until to morrow Morning 10 Oclock

Wednesday October the 8th 1823

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The Committee of elections to whom was ~~referred~~ recommitted the Contest between Messrs Polk and Erwing. reported that on examination of papers purporting to be depositions, they find after deducting the illegal votes given on each side, that from the whole returns Mr Polk has a majority of three votes. but they are of opinion that the papers stated to be depositions have not been taken in due form of law. and therefore are not to be received as evidence and that Mr Erwin retain his seat =

Mr Hicks offered the following resolution = Resolved that the house disagree with that part of the report which rejects the depositions as evidence, the Yeas & nays being called for on the passage of the resolution = Messrs Bean, Briscoe, Culp. Horner. Hicks, Wilson, and Speaker voted in the affirmative and Mr Erwin in the Negative

On motion of Mr Wilson. the report was committed to the Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day

On motion of Mr Horner so much of the Governors Speech as relates to the fiscal concerns. was referred to the Committee of Ways & means.

Mr Wilson moved that so much of the governors speech as relates to Memorials be referred to the Committee on Memorials

On Motion of Mr Wilson the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Mr Bean in the chair to take under Consideration the report made by the Committee on elections = and after some time spent the Committee rose and reported that they agree with the report made with some amendments =

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Resolved that the house concur in the report Made by the Committee and that Mr. Pope take his seat instead of Mr. Erwin the Member now setting from Miller.

= Mr. Pope appeared took the necessary oath and took his seat.

= A Message was recd. from the legislative Council informing this house that there was before the Council a Bill for the division of Arkansas County.

= On Motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock.

Thursday October 9th 1835.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On Motion of Mr. Horner, Messrs Hicks, Horner & Irwin were appointed a Committee to act in conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed by the Legislative Council to draft an answer to the Governor's Speech.

On Motion of Mr. Horner Messrs Horner, Hicks & Wilson were appointed a Committee to examine the law defining County lines with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

= A Message was recd. from the Legislative Council stating Messrs. Mathew, Moore & Dickinson were appointed a Committee to take under consideration the Governor's Speech.

In pursuance to notice given on yesterday Mr. Horner obtained leave to bring in a bill "Entitled an act making valid the late acts of the Coroner of Phillips County and further explaining the duties of Coroners & Sheriffs Generally" which bill was read and ordered to pass the second reading. the rules of the house were dispensed with & the bill was read the second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

= Mr. Levin gave notice that on Monday next, he would ask leave to bring in a Bill Entitling the Auditor & Treasurer to keep their Offices at the Seat of Government.

On Motion of Mr Culp, Messrs Culp, Sevier & Potter were appointed a Committee to examine the Stray law and see if any alterations or amendments be necessary & if so to make report by bill or otherwise

Mr Sevier gave Notice that on Saturday he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the repairing the jail at the seat of government & for other purposes—

And the House adjourned

Friday October 10th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment =

Mr Nicks from the joint Committee on memorials reported a Memorial to the general government praying a road to be opened from Memphis in Tennessee to the Seat of Government in this Territory—

On Motion of Mr Horner

The Memorial was laid on the Table

Mr Culp from the Committee appointed to examine the Stray Law reported a Bill accordingly, which was read the first time and ordered to the second reading—

On motion of Mr Horner, the house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill "entitled an act making valid the late acts of the Coroner of Phillips & further explaining the duties of Coroners & Sheriffs generally" and after some time spent thereon: the Speaker resumed his Seat and Mr Nicks reported the bill with some amendments,—

Ordered that said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Mathews = informing this house that there is a bill before the Council entitled "an act in amendment to an act relative to writs of Certiorari"

And the House adjourned

Saturday October 11th 1823.

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Nicks from the joint Committee on Memorials reported as follow: To the president of the United States praying the settlement of Lovely's purchase &c. To the Congreſs of the United States for the extention of preemptions = for a resolution to obtain an abstract of the Military bounty lands. & for the purpose of appointing a Surveyor General in this Territory =

On Motion of Mr. Horner.

the above Memorials were committed to a Committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for this day =

Mr. Sevier from the Committee on the Judiciary reported a Bill entitled an act for the limitation of actions to be brought for the Inheritance or poſseſsion of real Property. which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading =

In pursuance of notice given on Tuesday last.

Mr. Sevier obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled" an act to repair the public jail at Little Rock the presd. Seat of Government & for other purposes." which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading =

"An engroſsed bill entitled" an act making valid the late acts of the Coroner of Phillips County and further explaining the duties of Coroners and Sheriffs generally was read the third time & paſsed =

Ordered that the title be" An act directing the sale of land in the County of Phillips for taxes = and further defining the duties of Coroner. and repealing the law requiring Shifs to give bond. for the collection of taxes = and sent to the Council for their concurrence

Mr Culp gave notice that on Tuesday he would ask leave to bring in a bill regulating Justices' & Constables fees

On Motion of Mr Horner.

The Bill supplementary to an act concerning strays was read a second time & committed to the committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for monday

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Memorial praying a road to be opened from Memphis to the seat of Government in this Territory and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair and Mr Sevier reported the Memorial with some amendments and concurred in by the house

Ordered that said Memorial be engrossed for a final reading

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Memorial praying the settlement of Lovelys purchase &c and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair and Mr Biscoe reported the Memorial with some amendments which were concurred in by the house

Ordered that said Memorial be engrossed for the final reading

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Memorial praying for the extention of preemptions in this Territory and after some time spent, therein, Mr Speaker resumed the chair and Mr Nicks reported the memorial without amendment,

Ordered that sd Memorial be engrossed for a final reading

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Memorial respecting Military bounty Lands &c and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Culp reported said Memorial without amendment

Ordered that said Memorial be engrossed for a final reading

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Memorial praying for the location of a Surveyors Generals Office in this Territory, and after some time spent therein Mr. Wilson reported said Memorial with some amendments & concurred in by the house

Ordered that said Memorial be engrossed for a final reading

And the house adjourned

Monday October the 13th 1823

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Nicks from the joint Committee on Memorials reported a Memorial for the change of the Western boundary line of this Territory, also for the extinguishment of the land claims of the Quapaw Indians

Ordered that the above Memorial lie on the table

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to act on the Bill entitled "an act supplementary to an act concerning strays" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Briscoe reported the bill with some amendment, which amendment was agreed to by the house,

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time

A Bill entitled "an act for the limitations of actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of real property" was read a 2nd time & committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow

A Bill entitled "an act to repair the public jail at Little Rock the seat of Government and for other purposes" was read a second time and committed to the Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow

Mr. Tevin gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill entitled "an act supplementary to an act to suppress duelling"

The engrossed Memorial praying to have a road opened from Memphis to the Seat of Government in this Territory was read the last time & passed =

The engrossed Memorial praying for the settlement of Lovely's Purchase &c was read the last time & passed

The engrossed Memorial praying for the extention of preemptions was read the last time and passed

The engrossed Memorial praying for an abstract of the Military bounty lands was ~~passed~~ read the last time and passed

The engrossed Memorial praying the location of a Surveyor Generals Office in this Territory was read the last time and passed

Ordered that the foregoing Memorials be sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrance

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Moory

Mr. Speaker. I am instructed to inform you that the Legislative Council have concurred with the House of Representatives in passing the bill entitled "an act directing the sale of lands for taxes in the County of Phillips and for other purposes" and then he withdrew.

And the house adjourned.

Tuesday October the 14th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Horner from the Committee of enrolments reported an enrolled bill entitled "an act directing the sale of lands in Phillips County for taxes & for other purposes."

In pursuance of notice Mr. Sevier

Obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled "an act supplementary to an act to suppress duelling" which was read the first time and ordered to a Second reading =

In pursuance of notice Mr. Culp

Obtained leave to bring in a bill regulating Justices & Constables fees" which was read the first time and rejected by the House

The bill entitled "an act directing the sale of lands in the County of Phillips for Taxes and other purposes has been presented to his excellency the acting governor for his signature—

On Motion of Mr Sevier, the memorial respecting the land claims of the Quapaw Indians was referred to a Select Committee,

Ordered that Messrs Sevier & Wilson be that Committee—

On Motion of Mr Hicks

The Memorial respecting the western boundary line of this Territory was referred to a Committee of the whole & made the Order of the day for this day—

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill entitled "An Act for the limitation of actions to be brought for the Inheritance or possession of real property. and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Wilson reported the same with [illegible] amendment

Ordered that said bill be engrossed and read a third time—

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Memorial to alter the western boundary line of this Territory, and after some time spent therein. Mr Speaker resumed the chair and Mr Biscoe reported the same with some amendments which were concurred in by the house & passed and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message was received from his excellency the acting Governor by Mr Oden his Secretary, Notifying the house that he had approved and signed the act entitled "an act directing the sale of lands in the County of Phillips & for other purposes—

on Motion of Mr Horner
It is ordered that the bill entitled "an act for the repairing of the public jail at Little Rock & for other purposes" lie on the table

On Motion of Mr. Horner.

So much of the Governor's speech as relates to the appointment of prosecuting attornies was referred to a select Committee,

Ordered that Messrs Horner, Poke, & Wilson be that Committee

Mr Horner gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill for the auditing of County claims

Mr Calps moved that a committee be appointed to examine the Militia law and see if any alterations or amendments were necessary & if any to make report by bill or otherwise

Ordered that Messrs Calps, Wilson, Bain & Poke be that Committee

And the house adjourned—

Wednesday October 15th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Biscoe presented a Petition for the relief of Richard Pecton

Mr Ervin from the joint Committee to examine the Auditor and Treasurers Books reported, which report was committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

Mr Horner from the select committee on the appointment of prosecuting attornies reported the following resolution, Resolved, that it is deemed expedient to provide more effectually to secure talents for the prosecution of Criminals and other suits of the Government, and that the Committee be instructed to report a bill to that effect.

On Motion of Mr. Sevier

The bill entitled "an act to suppress duelling" was read a second time and be committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

On Motion of Mr Sevier

The bill entitled "an act for the limitation of action to be brought for real real property" was postponed and made the order of the day tomorrow

In pursuance of notice

Mr Horner obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled "an act altering the mode of auditing County Claims" read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

An engrossed bill entitled "an act supplementary to an act concerning Strays" was recommitted to a select Committee.

Ordered that Messrs Horner Nicks & Biscoe be that Committee.

The engrossed Memorial praying an alteration in the western boundary line of the Territory was passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence

Mr Sevier from the select Committee to whom was refered the Memorial in relation to the Quapaw lands reported the same with amendments which was concurred in by the house and ordered to be engrossed

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the house that the Council had passed a bill entitled "an act organizing the Offices of Auditor & Treasurer."

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Latting

Informing the house that the Council have now before them, a bill entitled "an act for the division of the County of Pulaski, also a bill entitled "an act establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court

The bill entitled "an act Organizing the Office of Auditor and Treasurer was read the first time and ordered to a Second reading

Mr Briscoe gave notice that on to morrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill, supplementary to an act regulating Small debts.

And the House adjourned

Thursday October 16th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Sevier presented a petition from Sundry Mechanics praying a law to be passed for their benefit—

Mr Sevier, from the joint Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to be entitled "An act regulating actions of Ejectment" which was read the first time and ordered to a Second reading—

Also a bill to be entitled "An act Compelling Clerks to pay over taxes by them Collected on writs & Executions &c read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr Hicks from the joint Committee on Memorials reported a Memorial for the establishment of Military posts on White & Red Rivers, passed and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

also a Memorial for the benefit of the Counties of Hempstead Miller & Crawford was read read and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dickinson Informing the house that the Council had passed the memorial praying an alteration in our western boundary line, and also the following bills, "An act dissolving the bonds of matrimony between Wm H Johnston & Betsy Morgan alias Betsy Johnston "an Act for the division of Arkansas County." also "An Act fixing the Seat of Justice in the County of Hempstead— and ask your Concurrence therein and he withdrew

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Clarke

Informing the House that the Council have passed the following Resolution, Resolved, by the general assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, that no bill shall be introduced in either house of the Legislature after the 25th Oct. Insd returned to the Council with this amendment instead of the 25. October say 1st of November and ask their Concurrance in said Amendment.

The bill entitled "An Act fixing the seat of Justice in the County of Hempstead; read the first time and ordered to a second reading

The bill entitled "An act disolving the bonds of Matrimony between William H. Johnson & Betsy Johnson was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

The bill entitled "An act for the division of the County of Arkansas" was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr. Calp from the select Committee to whom was referred the Militia law reported a bill supplementary to the Militia law. read the first time and ordered to a second reading

A Message from the Legislative Council by Dickinson

Informing the house that the Council have passed the following Memorial, to wit, Praying for a Garrison also Praying an appropriation to purchase the Quapaw claim

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Morry

Informing the house that the Council disagreed to the amendment proposed to them in the resolution sent them for concurrance

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Auditors ~~and~~ Treasurers Books - and after some time spent therein. Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Hicks reported, that on the first day of October 1821 there was a ballance against the Territory of $7.500 after the sums due should have been paid; and that since, that time up to the 6th of October 1823 Warrants were drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of $10.152.89. Making in all with with the Territory at present stands. Charged the sum of $17.652.89 For all the Warrants drawn on the Treasury from the 1st of October 1821 to the 6th of October 1823 there are Vouchers filed in the Auditors Office. which Vouchers, with the exception of the following are deemed to be correct. Two of the Vouchers excepted to are those drawn by in favour of Judges. Searcy & Eskridge, amounting to $153.42 each, Making when added the sum of $306.84. the Circumstances of those charges are as follows. Searcy and Eskridge were appointed Judges of the Circuit Courts, with a Salary of a thousand dollars a year each, they were Commissioned by the Governor on the 5. day of November 1821. and the Law creating Circuit Courts, and under which they were appd did not take effect until the 1st day of January 1822 the Judges then drew for one Month and twenty six days. Salary which in the opinion of this Committee they were not authorized to draw, this sum of $306.84 is to be deducted from the sum of $17.652,89. with which the Territory stands charged; and the said deduction placed to the account of the Auditor One other voucher on which a warrant issued we have placed to the account of the Auditor is one drawn on the Auditor. by Governor Miller in favour of Wm E. Woodruff for $6. it being for printing Military Commissions one other Voucher on which a warrant has been issued, which has been rejected by the Committee was in favour of Strother the late prosecuting attorney, it was a claim for his Salary from the 1st day of January 1821 to the 15th of February 1822

at the rate of $100. a year. it having been One month
and fifteen days. after the law under which he was app.d
had expired, which said account amounting to $12.34
is also to be placed to the account of the Auditor
there is another Voucher on file on which a warrant has
been issued in favor of Eli. J. Lewis for four dollars which
has not been allowed by the Committee, it having been
a claim of his for the tax fees for recording deeds.
to the Territory which by law he was not entitled to
by adding together the Amount of all the aforesaid
Vouchers on which warrants have been issued
by the Auditor which the Committee have rejected will
make the sum of $329.18. with which amount the
Auditor is chargeable — By deducting the sum of
$329.18. cents from $17.652.89. with which the
Territory stands charged. there will then be a balance
of $17.323.71. = Scrip has issued for all the warrants
drawn by the Auditor with the exception of one in
favor of M. Cunningham for $2.66½ and also one in
favor of F. Notrebe for the sum of four dollars and
twenty five Cents, when those are paid the books of
the Auditor and Treasurer will stand precisely ballanced
There is to be deducted from the debt due by the Territory
the sum of $5.252.82½ which is the amount left due
by the several Sheriffs of Territory = and also the sum
of $4.820.06 which is the amount of redeemed Scrip
add those sums together and they make the sum of $10.072.88½
deduct that amount from $17.323.71. and it leaves a
ballance which the Territory still owes of $7.250.82½
The Contingent expences of the Territory for the years of
1821 and 1822. Amount $3.035.58½ and the appropriation
made to meet those expences was only $2000—
which will leave a ballance for which there was no
appropriation made of $1035.88½ all the vouchers and
papers which they have had under consideration together
with this report is most respectfully submitted

On motion of Mr Horner

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed on the part of this house to act in conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council for the purpose of burning all the papers & vouchers in the Auditors and Treasurers Offices up to this date

Ordered that Messrs Devin & Biscoe be that Committee

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the House that the Council had passed the following resolution= Resolved, that it be the duty of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to write the word Satisfied and sign his name on the face of each voucher on which the auditor has issued a warrant,= when it shall be the duty of said Speaker to return the same to the auditor whose duty it shall be to keep the same on file in his office

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act to suppress duelling" and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Horner reported the same with an amendment which was agreed to by the house

Ordered that said bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The engrossed bill entitled "An act for the limitation of action to be brought for the possesion or Inheritance or of real property" was read the third time and sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence=

Mr Horner from the Committee to whom was referred that part of the Governors Speech which relates to the appointment of prosecuting attornies= reported a bill accordingly which read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr Horner from the Committee to whom was recommitted
the engrossed bill concerning strays - reported the same with
an amendment which was agreed in by the house
Ordered that said amendment be engrossed
and read a third time tomorrow

= Mr Poke gave notice that on tomorrow
he would ask leave to bring in a bill to locate
the seat of Justice in Miller County

= In pursuance of notice
Mr Biscoe obtained leave to bring in a bill
supplementary to an act for the recovery of small debts

= On motion of Mr Biscoe
The Petition of Richard Poston was referred to a
Select Committee
Ordered that Messrs Biscoe, Horner & Poke
be that Committee
And the house adjourned

= Friday October 17th 1823.
The Met pursuant to adjournment.
Mr Sevier presented the following petitions one in favour
of Saml McHenry, also one in favour of Wm E Woodruff

= Mr Sevier from the Committee on the Judiciary reported
a bill to be entitled "An Act supplementary to an act
Concerning the Crime of Rape" read the first time and
ordered to second reading.

= On motion of Mr Sevier
The Petition of the Mechanics was referred to a Select
Committee. Ordered that Messrs Sevier Horner & Wilson
be that Committee -

= The bill supplementary to the Militia law was read a 2d time
and committed to a Committee of the whole and made the
order of the day for tomorrow.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dickinson

Informing the house that the Legislative Council have concurred in the report of the joint Committee instructed to Examine the Auditor's & Treasurer's Books, but have disagreed with the house in the resolution in burning the Vouchers but have come to the following resolution "Resolved that the Speaker of the House write the word Satisfied and sign his name on the face of all the Vouchers on which the Auditor has issued Warrants and return the same to the auditor whose duty it shall be to keep the same on file in his office — and that the Council have appointed Messrs Moore & Kelly to act in Conjunction with the Committee appointed by the house for that purpose of burning the Script" which resolution was concurred in by the house

The bill entitled "An act altering the mode of auditing County Claims was read the 2d time and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow;

The bill entitled "An act regulating the mode of proceeding in actions of Ejectments was read a second time and Committed to a Select Committee = Ordered that Messrs Horner Lewis & Nicholls be that Committee —

The bill entitled "An act prescribing the mode of paying over money collected by the several Clerks of the Territory for taxes on writs &c was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow —

The bill entitled "An act establishing the office of prosecuting attorney" was read the second time and made the order of the day for Monday next —

The bill entitled an act regulating the collection of small debts was read 2d time and Committed to the whole and made the order of the day for Monday

On Motion of Mr. Horner.

The Bill Organizing the Offices of Auditor & Treasurer was postponed Indefinately, the Yeas & Nays being Called for by Mr. Biscoe: the votes stood as follow. Yeas. Messrs Beane Calp, Horner, Nicks, Poke & Mr. Speaker - Nays. Messrs Biscoe Sevier & Wilson

The bill entitled "an act fixing the Seat of Justice in the County of Hempstead was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Monday

The bill entitled "an act for the division of the County of Arkansas was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for to morrow

The bill entitled "an act dissolving the bonds of Matrimony between Wm H Johnson & Betsy Morgan alias Betsy Johnson was read the second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Tuesday

Mr. Horner gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill to be entitled "an act regulating the offices of Auditor & Treasurer & for other purposes" read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr. Wilson from the Committee of Ways & means reported that they hav, had the fiscal Concerns of the Territory under Consideration. and deem some alteration necessary and ask leave to report a bill accordingly-

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the memorial praying the preemption of one quarter Section of land to each of the Counties of Hempstead Miller & Crawford for the purpose of locating the Seats of Justice, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. and Mr. Calp reported the same without amend: ordered to engrossed and read the last time to day

The engrossed bill entitled "an act Supplementary to an act Concerning Strays was read the third time & passed and sent to the Council for their Concurrance

= The engrossed bill entitled "an act Supplementary to an an act to Suppress the practice of duelling was read the third time & passed & sent to the Council for their Concurrance

= On Motion of Mr. Hicks

The House Concurred in the resolution sent from the Council respecting the vouchers in the Auditors office

= A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Mathers

Informing the house that the Council had passed the following Memorials, towit, requesting an abstra of the Military bounty lands = for the extention of Preemption = for the Settlement of Lovely's Purchase for the appointment of a Surveyor General in this Territory for the opening of a Road from Memphis to the Seat of Government in this Territory =

= A Message from the Council by Mr. Latting

Informing the house that the Council had passed the Memorial praying for one quarter Section of land to the Counties of Hempstead Miller & Crawford

And the House adjourned

Saturday October 18th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Nicks from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Mechanics - reported unfavourably to said Petition

Mr Horner from the Select Committee to whom was referred the bill regulating the action of Ejectment reported the same with some amendments which were agreed to by the house - Ordered that said bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The bill to be entitled "An act defining the punishment of Rape" was read a second time and Ordered to be engrossed and read a third ~~tomorrow~~ on Monday

The Petition of Saml McHenry was taken up read and referred to a Select Committee Ordered that Messrs Sevier Biscoe & Nicks be that Committee

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the house that the Council have passed a bill to be entitled "An act for the division of the County of Pulaski

The Petition of Wm E. Woodruff was taken, read, and referred to a Select Committee. Ordered that Messrs Sevier Bean and Horner be that Committee

The bill entitled An act for the division of Pulaski County was read the 2nd time and ordered to a 3rd reading

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to the Militia law. and after some time spent Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Sevier reported the same with some amendments which are agreed to by the House, and recommitted to a Select Committee Ordered that Messrs Nicks, Bean Horner, Wilson & Culp be that Committee

A Message from the Council by Mr [illegible]

Informing the house that the Council has passed a bill entitled "An act establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill entitled "An act prescribing the mode of auditing County Claims." And after some time spent, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Wilson reported the same without amendment and recommitted to a Select Committee. Ordered that Messrs Sevier Horner & Biscoe be that Committee=

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill entitled "An act prescribing the mode of collecting & paying over revenue by the Collectors for the use of the Territory= And after some time spent, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Biscoe reported the same with some amendments & recommitted to a Select Committee=

Ordered that Messrs Nicks, Horner, & Biscoe be that Committee

Mr Horner from the Committee of enrolments reported the following Memorials= Asking an appropriation for opening a road from Memphis to Little Rock= for the appointment of a Surveyor General= for permission to settle Lovely's purchase for the extention of preemption= for the establishment of Military Posts= for the right of Preemption in the Counties of Miller Hempstead & Crawford. for the extinguishment of the Quapaw Claims. & a remonstrance against our western boundary line= all of which have been handed to the Governor for his signature

Mr Speaker presented to the house a letter and prospectus of Saml. Roane which was referred to a Select Committee Ordered that they be committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Monday

Mr Biscoe gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the Auditor of this Territory

Mr Porter obtained leave to bring in a bill to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Miller & appointing Commissioners—

Mr Calf gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill to extend the jurisdiction of Justices in Criminal cases

Mr. Horner obtained leave to bring in a bill supplementary to the laws regulating the offices of Auditor & Treasurer & for other purposes read the first time and ordered to a 2d reading

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill to be entitled "An act for the division of the County of Arkansas. And after some time spent, Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Nicks reported the same with some amendments. Which was agreed to by the house & recommitted to a select Com.

Ordered that Messrs Horner, Beane, & Pike be that Committee

A Message was received from the Acting Governor by Mr. Oden his private Secretary informing the house that he had signed the following Memorials for the appointment of a Surveyor General respecting the Western boundary line = preemptions for the Counties of Hempstead Miller Crawford = requesting an abstract of the Military bounty lands. Settlement of Lovelys purchase, for the extinguishment of the Quapaw Claim = to open a road from Memphis to Little Rock, requesting Military Posts on Red & White River =

The bill entitled "an act establishing special sessions of the Superior Court; read the first time and ordered to a 2d reading

And the House adjourned

Monday Octr 20th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Ferin from the select Committee to whom was referred the petition of Saml McHenry reported a bill accordingly = read the first time and ordered to a second reading =

Mr Nicks from the Committee to whom was referred the bill prescribing the mode of Clerks paying in monies by them Collected for the use of the Territory reported the same with some amendments.

Ordered that Sd Bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

Mr Culp obtained leave to bring in a bill extending the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Criminal Cases read the first time and ordered to a Second reading

Mr. Horner from the Committee to whom was referred the bill for the division of Arkansas County reported the same without amendment.

Ordered that said amendment be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The bill entitled "an act for the division of Pulaski County was read 2d time and committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Wednesday—

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill entitled "An act establishing the office of prosecuting attorney— and after some time spent Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Hicks reported progress and asked leave to sit again tomorrow

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to an act for the recovery of small debts and after some time spent. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Wilson reported the same with some amendment which was agreed in by the House "and Sd. bill was recommitted to a Select Committee— Ordered that Messrs. Biscoe Wilson & Hicks be that Committee

A Message from the Legislative Counsel by Mr. Dickinson:

Informing the House that the Counsel have passed the bill entitled "An act supplementary to an act to suppress the practice of duelling":

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill to locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Hempstead. and after some time spent Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Horner reported the same with some amendments: And Ordered to be read a third time tomorrow

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the letter and prospectus of Sam C. Roane, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Biscoe reported the following resolution— Resolved, that there are not sufficient funds in the Tresury to justify a subscription to be an object with the publisher and therefore report against the petition—

The bill supplementary to the laws regulating the offices of Auditor & Treasury was read the second time and Committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The bill entitled "an act appointing Commissioners to Locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Miller was read 2nd time & Committed to a Committee of the whole & made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill entitled "an act establishing special sessions of the Superior Court was read a second time and the question for a third reading it was decided in the negative the Yeas & Nays were Called for. Yeas Messrs Calfs, Polk, & Wilson Nays Messrs Bean, Biscoe, Horner, Nicks, Sevier & Mr Speaker

The bill entitled "an act regulating actions of Ejectment" was read a third time & passed.

Ordered that the titles of S. Bill be "an act repealing the mode of bringing actions of Ejectment".

The bill entitled an act defining the punishment of Rape was read a third time & passed

Mr Biscoe obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Geo. W. Scott. Auditor — read 1st time and Ordered to a second reading —

Mr Sevier gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask to leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Edwd Hogan

And the House adjourned.

Tuesday Octr 21st 1833.

the House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Biscoe presented a petition from sundry Citizens of Clark County praying the removal of the seat of Justice. referred to a select Committee "Ordered that Messrs Horner Biscoe & Calfs be that Committee

Mr Sevier reported a bill in favor of Wm E Woodruff read the first time and ordered to a second reading;

Mr. Horner from the Committee to whom was referred the bill entitled "An act altering the mode of Auditing County claims" reported the same which were agreed to by the House.

Mr. Sevier obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Edmund Hogan read the 1st time and Ordered to a second reading.

Mr Biscoe from ~~[illegible]~~ the Committee to whom was referred the bill entitled "An act regulating the mode of Collecting small debts" reported the same with some amendments and agreed to by the House and said bill ordered to be engrossed and read third time

The bill authorizing Saml. McHenry to build a toll bridge across "White oak bayou" was read second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of this day.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Walker
Informing the house that the Council had passed "An act Supplementary to an act Concerning Strays."

The bill extending the Jurisdiction of Justices of the peace was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill for the relief of Geo. W. Scott Auditor was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr. Horner obtained leave to bring in a bill further providing for opening roads read the 1st time and ordered to a second reading.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill dissolving the bonds of Matrimony between Wm. H. Johnson & Betsy Johnson and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker returned the Chair and Mr. Sevier reported the same without amendment; Ordered that sd Bill be read a third time tomorrow

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill establishing the office of prosecuting attorney and after some time spent Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Hicks reported the same with some amendments which were agreed to by the house

Ordered that said bill be engrossed & read a third time tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Latting
Informing the house that the Council had passed the bill defining
the punishment of Rapes"

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill
supplementary to the law regulating the offices of Auditor & Treasurer
and after some time spent. Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Wilson reported the same, with some amendments.
Ordered that Sd. bill be engrossed & read a third time

Tomorrow

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill to
locate the seat of Justice in the County of Miller, and after some
time spent. Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Horner
reported the same with some amendment agreed to by the house
Ordered that Sd. bill be engrossed and read a
third time tomorrow

The bill prescribing the mode of Clerks paying over money
collected for the use of the Territory read a third time & passed

The rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill
dissolving the bonds of Matrimony between William H Johnson
and Betsy Johnson, was read a third time and passed=

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the
bill authorizing Saml. McHenry to build a toll bridge across White
Oak bayou" and after some time spent Mr Speaker resumed
the Chair and Mr Calls reported the same without amendment.
Ordered that Sd. bill be engrossed and read a third time

The bill entitled "an act for the division of the County of Arkansas
was read a third time and passed

The bill entitled "an act to locate the seat of Justice in the
County of Hempstead read the third time & passed

And the House adjourned

Wednesday October 29th 1823

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The bill entitled "an act defining the punishment of Rape was sent back
from the Council with an Amendment agreed to by the house "with
an Amendment

Mr. Biscoe from the Committee of ways & Means reported the bill entitled "an act to regulate the Collection of taxes on Military bounty lands" read the 1st time & ordered to a second reading

Mr. Biscoe from the Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Richard Poston reported a bill read 1st time and ordered to a Second Reading

The bill entitled "an act for the relief of Wm Woodruff was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The bill entitled "an act for the relief of Edmd Hogan was read a second time & ordered to be engrossed and read a third time Tomorrow,

The bill entitled "An act further providing for the opening of Roads was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

On Motion of Mr. Calp the house concurred in the resolution proposed by the Council, saying that no bills shall be received in either house after the 25th Octr Inst.

On Motion of Mr. Horner the orders of the House were dispensed with, and the bill entitled "an act prescribing the mode of Auditing County Claims was taken up ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the division of the County of Pulaski and after some time spent Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Biscoe reported the same with some amendments which were agreed to by the House and the question was taken shall the bill be read a third time. it was decided in the Negative. Yeas Messrs Bean Nicks & Sevier Nays Messrs Biscoe Calp, Horner Pope Wilson & the Speaker

Mr. Calp gave Notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill regulating elections.

Mr. Wilson obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of David E. McKinney read the 1st time and ordered to a second reading

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill extending the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace. And after Some time Spent, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Wilson reported the Same with Some Amendment, and on Motion of Mr. Culp said bill was laid on the table until the 20th of December 1807.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dickinson
Informing the House, that, the Council have passed the following bills, towit, An act for the limitation of Actions to be brought for the possession of real property with some amendments. Also, that the Council have disagreed to all the amendments proposed to the bill defining the punishment, of Rape

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. on the bill for the relief of George W. Scott. and after some time spent. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Horner reported the Same with some amendments. which was agreed in by the house

Ordered that sd Bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dickinson
Informing the house that the Council have passed the bill "Amendatory to the acts relative to Costs in Criminal Cases."

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mathews
Informing the House that the Council have passed a bill prescribing the mode of paying over Money collected by Clerks &c with some Amendments.

On Motion of Mr. Sevier.
The House Concurred in the amendments proposed by the Council to the bill defining the punishment of Rape

The bill entitled "an act for the limitation of actions to be brought for real property" was returned from the Council with some amendments & ordered to lie on the table

The bill prescribing the mode of the several Clerks in this Territory paying over Money collected for the Territory was returned from the Council with some amendments which was concurred in by the house

The bill entitled "an act amendatory to the acts relative to Costs in Criminal Cases" read 1st time and ordered to a second reading

And the House adjourned

Thursday October 23rd 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Wilson from the Committee of Ways & Means reported the following bills, to wit, making appropriation for the years 1823 & 1824 – also a bill allowing compensation to the Members of the present general assembly – read the 1st time and ordered to a second reading

Mr. Hicks reported a bill for the relief of persons convicted of Criminal Offences less than Capital read 1st time & ordered to a second reading

Mr. Sevier reported a bill allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors read 1st time and ordered to a second reading

Mr. Horner from the select Committee reported a bill altering and defining Certain County lines read 1st time & ordered to a second reading

Mr. Sevier obtained leave to bring in a bill "to provide more effectually for the safe keeping of persons Charged with Capital Offences" read the 1st time and ordered to a second reading

The bill regulating the Collection of taxes on Military bounty lands was read 2nd time and committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The bill for the relief of Richard Poston was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table untill the 1st day of April 1824

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of W. E. McKinney was read a second time and Ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to morrow

The bill regulating the action of Ejectment was returned from the Council with some amendments which was agreed to by the house

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of William E Woodruff: and after some time spent the Committee Rose and asked leave to sit again this evening—

the engrossed bill authorizing Saml. McHenry to build a toll bridge &c was read a third time & passed

The bill establishing the offices of prosecuting attorney was read a third time and ordered to lie on the table—

The bill regulating the Collection of Small debts was read a third time and rejected by the House

The bill regulating the offices of Auditor & Treasurer was read a third time & passed

The bill to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Miller was read the third time and passed

The bill altering the mode of Auditing County Claims was read a third time and passed

The bill for the relief of George W. Scott was read a third time and passed

The bill further providing for opening roads was read the third time and passed

The bill for the relief of Edmund Hogan was read a third time & passed

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dickinson
Informing the House that the Council disagreed to the amendments proposed to the bill for the limitation of actions to be brought for real property

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of William E Woodruff and after some time spent. Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Hicks reported the same without amendment.
Ordered that sd. bill be engrossed and read 3d time tomorrow

The act amendatory to the acts relating to Costs in Criminal Cases, read the second time & amended and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow

An act entitled "An act for the limitation of actions to be brought for the possession or Inheritance of real property" was sent back from the Council, with some amendments which were agreed to by the House

On motion Messrs Sim & Horner were appointed a Committee to act in Conjunction with the Committee to be appointed by the Council to Contract for the public printing &c

And the House adjourned

Friday October 24th 1823.

The House met pursuant to adjournment

The bill making appropriation for the years 1823 & 24 was read a second time and Ordered to lie on the table

The bill allowing Compensation to the members of the present general Assembly and their officers was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table

The bill entitled an act for the relief the relief of persons convicted of Criminal offences less than Capital" was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The bill entitled "an act allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The bill entitled an act defining and altering certain County lines was read a second time and Ordered to lie on the table

The bill entitled "an act further to provide for the safe keeping of persons guilty or supposed to be guilty of Capital offences was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for to morrow

The bill entitled "an act for the relief of D. E. McKinney, was read a third time & passed

The bill entitled "an act amendatory to the act relative to Costs in Criminal Cases was read a third time & passed

Mr Horner from the Committee of enrolments reported duly enrolled the following bills (towit), an act supplementary to an act to suppress the practice of duelling" An act supplementary to the laws relative to strays An act regulating actions of Ejectment" an act prescribing the mode of clerks paying over money by them collected for the Territory" An act to fix the Seat of Justice in the County of Hempstead, an act defining the punishment of Rape" An act dissolving the bonds of Matrimony between Wm. H. Johnson and Betsy Johnson" An act dividing the County of Arkansas— All of which have been handed to the governor for his signature

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating the mode of collecting taxes on Military bounty lands. and after some time spent Mr Speaker resumed the chair. and the Committee rose and asked to leave to sit again to morrow

On Motion of Mr Poke

To strike out on the bill entitled "an act to divide the County of Pulaski" the Yeas & nays were called for and decided in the Negative Yeas. Mr. Bean Nicks, Poke, & Sevier Nays. Mr Biscoe Culp Horner Wilson & the Speaker

Mr Horner obtained leave to bring in a bill regulating Evidence in actions of Ejectment read the first time and ordered to a second reading

On Motion of Mr Sevier

Resolved that it is considered by this house that an alteration is necessary in the Judiciary System and that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the Terms of the Superior & Circuit Courts to two a year, and establishing County Courts. on Motion to strike out that part of the resolution establishing County Courts the Yeas & Nays were called for and, decided in the negative Yeas Messrs. Bean Horner Nicks & Poke. Nays Messrs Biscoe, Culp, Sevier Wilson & the Speaker— on Motion to strike out that part of the resolution reducing the Terms of the Courts to two a Year, the Yeas & nays were called for and decided in the negative Yeas Messrs Bean Horner Nicks & Poke Nays Messrs Biscoe Culp, Sevier Wilson & the Speaker the question was then on agreeing to the Resolution, the Yeas & Nays were

Monday Oct. 27th 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Horn from the Committee of enrollments reported duly enrolled bills of the following titles." An act authorizing Saml. McKay to build a toll bridge across white oak bayou": "an act further to provide for opening roads "An act for the limitation of actions to be brought for the possession of Real property." An act for the Relief of Edmond Hogan." "An act for the relief of George, W, Scott. "An act prescribing the mode of proceeding against absent and absconding debtors "An act to Locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Crawford

Mr Nicks from the Committee to whom was referred the militia law reported that no alterations or amendments were deemed necessary by the Committee

The bill entitled an act appointing Courts for the County of Arkansas was read a second time amended and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

The bill entitled an act regulating the fiscal concerns was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day tomorrow

The bill entitled "an act to Locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Clarke was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

the bill altering the mode of auditing County accounts was taken up and the amt. proposed by the Council was agreed to by the House read a third time & passed

A message from the Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the House that the Council have passed the following bills." An act to lay a tax in the County of Independence - also "an act supplementary to the acts respecting forgery and Counterfeiting."

A Message from the Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the House, that the Council had rescinded the Resolution made by both Houses, saying that no bills should be introduced after the 25 Oct Inst.

Ordered that the House concur with the Council

= The bill entitled "an act respecting forgery & Counterfeiting was read the 1st time and ordered to a second reading

= The bill Laying a tax on the County of Independence was read 1st time and ordered to a 2d reading

On Motion of Mr Harmor

Resolved. that it is expedient for the two Houses of the present General assembly to determine on some System of Judiciary — to effect which resolutions may be introduced in either house and sent to other for concurrence and until some system be agreed on by both Houses—

= The engrossed bill regulating the mode of collecting taxes on Military bounty Lands. was read the third time and passed

= A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dickinson—

Informing the House that the Council have passed the following bills "an act for the relief of D. E. McKinney. also "an act for the relief of Wm E Woodruff—

= ~~The bill entitled "an act, supplementary to the acts respecting forgery and Counterfeiting was read a first time and Ordered to a second reading—~~

= ~~The bill entitled "an act to Levy a tax in the County of Independence for County purposes. was read the first time and ordered to a second reading.~~

= The bill entitled "an act more effectually to provide for the safe keeping of persons guilty or supposed to be guilty of Capital offences. was read a third time and passed

= A Message from the Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the House that the Council have Concurred in the resolution of the house of Repstv saying that it is expedient for the two houses to determine upon some System of Judiciary

On Motion of Mr Sevier

Resolved that it is expedient to reduce the Number of Terms of the Superior & Circuits to two a Year and to establish some intermediate Court to ~~be~~ consist of a person or persons to be appointed by the Governor

The bill for the persons convicted of Criminal Offences less than Capital was read the third time and passed

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dickinson
Informing the House that the Council have disagreed to the Resolution passed by the House of Repts saying that it is expedient to reduce the Terms of the Superior & Circuit Courts and to establish County Courts—

On Motion of Mr Horner
Resolved that it is expedient to divide the Territory into three Judicial Circuits with a Judge for each and to hold three Courts in each County & that the Superior Court shall be reduced to two Terms

The bill supplementary to the Militia law was taken up and the report of the Committee was rejected by the house
Ordered that said bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dickinson
Informing the House that the Council have Concurred in the Resolution sent from the House of Repts saying that it is expedient to divide the Territory into three Circuits and reduce the Terms of the Superior Court to two a Year— And that a bill has been introduced into the Council establishing Circuit Courts—

On Motion of Mr Horner
The bill altering and defining Certain County lines was taken up amended and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

And the House adjourned

Tuesday Octr. 28th 1823.

The House met pursuant to adjournment,

Mr. Hornor from the Committee of enrolments reported duly enrolled bills of the following titles." An act Changing the manner of Auditing County Claims." An Act to Locate the Seat of Justice in Miller County" An act for the relief of William E. Woodruff." An act for the relief of David E. McKinney."

Mr. Biscoe obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled an act disolving the bonds of Matrimony between Nancy Stroud alias Nancy Baxter & Brazil Baxter was read the first time" and the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a second and third time and passed and sent to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the acting Governor by Mr. Searcy—

Informing the house that he had approved bills of the following titles (towit) "An act for the limitation of actions to be brought for the Inheritance or possession of real property." An act for the relief of Geo. W. Scott." An act further to provide for opening roads". An act authorizing Saml. McHenry to build a toll bridge across white oak bayou

Mr. Calfs obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled "an act to authorize the Governor to make apportionment of the Representation in the next General assembly was read 1st time and ordered to a second reading

a Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dickinson

Informing the House that the Council had passed the following bills towit, "an act providing more effectually for the safe keeping of persons guilty or supposed to be guilty of Capital offences." An act to regulate the Collection of taxes on Military bounties." An act for the relief of persons Convicted of Criminal offences less than Capital." also that an act establishing Circuit Courts has passed the Council to which they ask your Concurrence

The bill entitled "an act establishing Circuit Courts was read the first time and the rules of the House were dispensed with and the bill was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to morrow.

The bill entitled "An act to levy a tax in the County of Independence for County purposes" was read a second time and laid on the table

The bill entitled "An act supplementary to the laws respecting forgery and Counterfeiting" was read a second time & Committed to a Committee of the whole & made the order of the day for this day

A Message from the Legislative Counsel by Mr Dickinson Informing the House that the Counsel have passed the following bills (towit) "An act dissolving the bonds of Matrimony between Nancy Brown alias Nancy Baker & Brazel Baker, also regulating the offices of Auditor & Treasury with some amendments and ask the Concurrance of the House to the Same

The bill appointing Commissioners for the County of Arkansas was read a third time & passed

The bill Supplementary to the Militia law was read a third time and passed

An act to Locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Clarke was read the third time and passed

The bill regulating the offices of Auditor and Treasury was sent back from the Counsel with the amendments:

On Motion of Mr Hornor

The house concurred in the first and third amendments and disagreed to the second, and Messrs Hornor & Nicks were appointed a Committee of Conference to take under consideration the 2d amendment on the part of this house

On motion of Mr Hornor.

The bill establishing the offices of prosecuting attorney was taken up read the second time and passed

The bill to Locate the Seat of Justice in Chicot County was read the second time & amended and sent back to the Counsel for Concurrance

Mr Hornor from the Committee of Conferance to whom was refered the amendment proposed by the Counsel to the bill respecting the offices of Auditor & Treasury reported that the result of the Conferance was to advise the Counsel to recede from their amendments

A Message from the Counsel by Mr Dickinson Informing the house that the Counsel have passed the bill regulating evidence in actions of Ejectment

The bill entitled "an act [illegible] altering and defining certain County lines was read a third time and passed

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to the laws respecting forgery & Counterfeiting and after some time spent, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Wilson reported the same with some Amendments and the House agreed to the same. Ordered that Sd Bill be engrossed and read a third time & passed

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to the laws now in force regulating the fiscal Concerns. And after some time spent Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Wilson reported the same with some amendments which were agreed to by the House. Ordered that Sd bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow

A Message from the Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the House that the Council have passed the following bills (to wit) "An act to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Clarke." "An act appointing Commissioners for the County of Arkansas." "An act to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Chicot." with an Amendment". also "an act supplementary to the laws relative to Justices of the Peace." And that the Council have concurred in the amendments proposed by the House to bill entitled "an act to prohibit the passing of Counterfeit ~~bills~~

And the House adjourned

Wednesday Octr 29th 1823.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill entitled an act supplementary to the act relative to Justices of the Peace was read the first time and the rules of the House were dispensed with and read second & third time & passed"

A Message from the Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the House that the Council have passed the following bills (to wit) "An act defining and altering certain County lines," also "An act establishing the office of Prosecuting Attorney"

The bill to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Chicot was sent back from the Council with an amendment = and amended by the House and sent back to the Council for concurrance.

= A Message from the Governor by Mr. Searcy
Informing the House that he has approved bills of the following titles. "An act for the relief of Wm. E. Woodruff." "An act to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Miller." "An act altering manner of Auditing County accounts." "An act for the relief of L. E. McKinney" =

= The bill entitled an act appointing prosecuting attorneys was sent back from the Council with an amendment which was concurred in by the House

= A Message from the Council by Mr. Dickinson.
Informing the House that the Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to bill entitled "an act to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Chicot." another bill to suppress the practice of selling Liquor to Soldiers

= The bill authorizing the Governor to apportion the representation of the next General assembly was read a second ~~time~~ & third time and passed

= The bill entitled "An act supplementary to the several Laws now in force ~~regulating~~ fiscal concerns was read the third time and passed.

= An act establishing Circuit Courts & altering the terms of the Superior Courts, was taken up & read a third time and on the question on the final passage the Yeas & nays were called for and decided in the affirmative, Yeas Messrs Bean Biscoe Horner Hicks & Pope, Nays Messrs Culp Linn Wilson and the Speaker =

= A Message from the Council by Mr. Atkinson.
Informing the House that the Council have passed the following bills (to wit, "An act authorizing the Governor to make apportionment of the next general assembly. also "an act regulating the fiscal concerns with some amendments.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Searcy
Informing the House that he has approved and signed bills of the following titles." an act to regulate the Collection of taxes on Military bounties, "An act for the relief of persons convicted offences less than Capital "An act dissolving the bonds of Matrimony between Nancy Baker and Brazil Baker". "An act appointing Commissioners in the County of Arkansas." "An act regulating evidence in actions of Ejectment"

A Message from the Council by Mr. Dickinson.

Informing the House that the Council have concurred in the Amendments proposed by the House to the bill establishing Circuit Courts,"

Mr. Speaker Informed the House that he had in pursuance of the joint resolution of both houses signed all the bonds belonging to the Auditors office from [illegible] to the first day of Octr. 1823. and returned the same to the auditor for safe keeping—

On Motion of Mr Sevier

The following preamble and Resolution was adopted by the House;" Whereas it is represented that James Scull the Territorial Treasurer is dangerously ill and at present unable to sign or issue Scrip. Therefore Resolved, that the general assembly of the Territory of Arkansas. that they approve of the deputation of Thomas. W. Newton to sign and issue any amount of Scrip which may be necessary to pay off the members & officers of the present general assembly. and to do and exercise all and singular any power given him by the deputation of sd. Treasurer, holding him said Scull responsible for the acts of the sd. Deputy.

The bill levying a tax on the County of Independence for County purposes was read a third time as amended and sent back to the Council for concurrence.

The bill regulating the fiscal concerns was sent back from the Council with an amendment which was disagreed to by the House

Mr Horne. from the joint Committee appointed to contract for
the Public Printing reported a resolution, (viz. Resolved
by the general assembly of the Territory of Arkansas that
Wm. E Woodruff be public printer for the until next meeting of the
Legislature, and that he shall receive for his labour the prices
Contained in his proposals— which is as followeth (viz)
For printing the acts of the general assembly on a paper the
size of the acts of the Octr. Session 1821. and on paper
of a similar quality $2. per page for any Number of Copies
not exceeding of three hundred for Publishing the acts passed
by the general assembly in the Arkansas Gazette $1. for each
printed sheet in the pamphlet edition

For printing royal or Medium quarto handbills, three dollars for the first 50 copies and $1. for each succeeding 50 copies

For publishing proclamations of the Governor or other executive advertising in the Arkansas Gazette, one-half of the usual rates of inserting advertisements in the Gazette;

For printing Fools Cap or quarto Post Blanks one on a sheet $2.50 for a single quire and $1.50 for each succeeding quire if two on a sheet 50 cents will be added to the price of each quire

Broadside Blanks on fools cap paper five dollars for a single quire and $2.50 per each succeeding quire

Work containing rule & figure work or requiring extra trouble will be subject to an extra charge which in no case will exceed double the price of common printing.

The foregoing prices for printing include in every instance the price of paper. The above are the terms I propose to do the printing for the Territory Wm E. Woodruff (Signed)

A Message from the Council by Mr Dickinson

Informing the House that the Council have disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House of Repts to a bill laying a town in Independence County and have appointed Messrs Mathers and Lattimore a Committee of Conference on their part &c.

Messrs Hicks & O'Bean were appointed a Committee of Conference on the part of the House;

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill allowing compensation to members & officers of the present general assembly and after some time spent, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Hicks reported the same with some amendments, which were agreed to by the House and read a third time & passed

A Message from the Council by Mr Mathers

Informing the House that the Council have appd Messrs Lattimore & Dickinson a Committee of Conference to take into consideration the first amt proposed to the bill regulating fiscal concerns and that the Council approve of the Deputation of T. T. Newton as Dty. Treasurer and also approve the resolution appg Wm E. Woodruff public printer

Ordered that Messrs Lewis & Biscoe be appointed the Committee of Conference on the 1st Amt proposed to the bill regulating fiscal concerns on the part of this house.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill making appropriation for the Years 1823 & 24- And after some time spent Mr Speaker resumed the Chair And Mr Wilson reported the same with some amendments- Ordered that said bill lie on the table

On Motion Messrs Hicks ~~& Beane~~ Beane & Sevier were appointed a Committee to examine the account of Eli J. Lewis for Storage &c of the Public Arms-

Ordered that the House adjourn

Thursday Oct. 30th 1823.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Biscoe from the joint Committee of Conference to whom was referred the 1st Amt. to the bill regulating the fiscal concerns report that the result of the Conference is to advise the Council to recede from the amendment-

Mr. Horner from the joint Committee of enrolments reported duly enrolled bills of the following titles: "An act supplementary to the laws relating to Justices of the peace." "An act establishing Circuit Courts-" "An act establishing prosecuting attorneys" "An act regulating the Offices of Auditor & Treasurer" "An act to locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Clark" "An Act altering & defining certain County lines." "An act to locate the seat of Justice in Chicot County." "An act to prohibit passing Counterfeit bills." "And act to prevent selling Liquor to Soldiers." "An act Authorizing the Governor to make appointment of the next quarter of July-"

Mr. Hicks from the joint Committee appointed to confer on the bill laying a tax in the County of Independence report that they cannot come to any agreement on the subject referred to them."

On Motion of Mr. Hicks

The bill to repair the public jail at the Seat of Government was taken up and read a second time- the rules of the house were dispensed with & it was read a third time and on the question for the final passage- the Yeas & nays were called for and decided in affirmation. Yeas. Messrs Beane Hicks Poske Sevier & the Speaker. Nays Messrs. Biscoe Culp Horner & Wilson

a Message from the Council by Mr. Latting.

Informing the House that the Council have withdrawn their amendments to the bill regulating the fiscal Concerns.-

A Message from the Council by Mr. Dickinson. Informing the House that the Council have concurred in the amendments proposed by the House to the bill levying a tax in Independence and have also concurred in the passage of the bill to repair the jail at the Seat of Government.

Mr. Hicks from the Committee to whom was refd. the Governors speech reported the following resolution. Resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, that they heartily concur in the sentiments expressed in the Governors speech and with pleasure reiterate those sentiments as the kind feelings of a unanimous people

The bill making appropriations for the years 1823 & 24. was called up. and the amendments reported by the Committee agreed to by the House. it was then read a third time and passed

A Message from the Council by Mr. Dickinson Informing the House that the Council have passed the bill allowing compensation to the general assembly with some amendments

The Act allowing compensation to the members & officers of the present Genl. Assembly was sent back from the Council with some Amdts: the first of which was agreed to by the House and the second rejected & returned to the Council

On Motion of Mr. Hicks

Resolved by the Genl. Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas that the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to have printed in pamphlet form three hundred copies of the laws passed at the present General assembly and distribute the same to those entitled to copies in the manner hereafter provided. to the Governor and Secretary. to the Judges of the Superior Court = to the Judges of Circuit Courts. to the Clerk of the Superior Court to Clerks of the Circuit Courts, to the Sheriffs of each County to every Justice of the Peace, to every prosecuting attorney to each of members of the present general assembly one copy each. and to the Auditor & Treasurer one copy each = Resolved also that the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to draw on Treasury for the amount of the expenses arising from printing and distributing the laws—

Mr. Wilson presented an account in favor of Joshua Irving— which was rejected by the house.

Messrs Hornor & Hicks were appointed a Committee to wait on the Governor and inform him that the House would be ready to adjourn at eleven O'clock tomorrow if he had further Communications to make to them

A Message from the Council by Mr Rutting
Informing the House that the Council have passed the bill making appropriation for the Years 1823. 24. & 25.

A Message from the Council by Mr Mathers
Informing the house that the Council have receded from their second Amendment to the bill allowing Compensation to the Members & Officers of the present General assembly—

And the House adjourned

Friday Oct. 31st 1823.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Hornor from the Committee of enrolments reported duly enrolled bills of the following titles— an act regulating the fiscal Concerns." an act allowing Compensation to the Members and officers offices of the prest General assembly" an act making appropriation for the Years 1823. 24. & 25. and a Resolution authorizing the Gov. to have the laws printed & distributed

A Message from the Governor informing the House that he had approved bills of the following titles. an act relative to Justices of the Peace" an act establishing the offices of Prosecuting attornies," an act establishing Circuit Courts an act regulating the offices of Auditor & Treasurer." an act to locate the seat of Justice in the County of Clarke." an act defining certain County lines." an act to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Chicot." An act to prohibit the passing of Counterfeit bills." an act to suppress the practice of selling liquor to soldiers. an act authorising the Govern. to make appointments." an act regulating the fiscal Concerns." an act allowing Compensation to the Members & officers of the present general assembly" an act making appropriation for the Years 1823. 24. & 25. Also a Resolution authorizing the Governor to have published and distributed 300. Copies of the Laws—

The Speaker having retired from the Chair and Mr Hornor placed in it—

On Motion of Mr. Senn

Resolved ~~by~~ that the thanks of this house be given to Terrence Farrelly Esq Speaker of the House of Repsr for the dignified and able manner ~~for~~ in which he has discharged the duties of the Chair

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hunter the Secretary Informing the House that the Council have now gone through all business demanding their attention and are ready to adjourn sine die

And the House adjourned sine die

T. Farrelly Speaker
of the House of Representatives